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**GROUP 3600**

PATENT  
CASE NO. 4635/234

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application: )  
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William F. Schacht et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 3637  
Serial No.: 09/701,402 )  
) Examiner: Anderson, Gerald A.  
Filed: March 19, 2001 )  
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For: DESK SYSTEM )

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

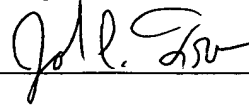
Dear Sir:

This election of species is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2002. In the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants were required to elect one of the following groups of inventions: Group I – the desk and support of claims 1-21, Group II- the storage member and compressive attachment support of claims 22-77, Group III – the desk with wiring of claims 78-83, Group IV – the convertible desk with stantions of claims 84-88, Group V – the screen system of claim 92, Group VI – the storage member supported on stantions of claims 93-95, Group VII – the stackable storage members of claims 96-101 and Group VIII – the method of

claims 89-91.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-21.

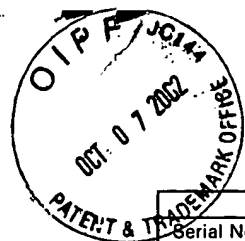
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 4635/234
Serial No. 09/701,402	Filing Date March 19, 2001	Examiner Gerald A. Anderson	Group Art Unit 3637
Inventor(s) William F. Schacht et al.			
Title of Invention DESK SYSTEM			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal (in duplicate); Response to Election/Restriction Requirement; Preliminary Amendment; Petition for Correction of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b); Petition And Fee For Extension Of Time (37 Cfr § 1.136(a)); Check for \$400 Filing Fee; Check for \$130 Petition Fee; Postcard Evidencing Receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition for a 2 month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$400 and \$130 to cover the Extension of Time Petition Fee and the Correction of Inventorship Petition Fee, respectfully.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

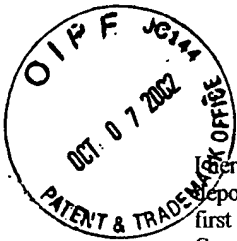
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on June 28, 2002. A Response to Election/Restriction Requirement is being concurrently filed with the present Preliminary Amendment where the invention of Group I is elected and is encompassed by claims 1-21 of which William F. Schacht, Lynda E. Chesser, Michael F. Stirling, William B. Ehmann and Michael J. Katje are the inventors. In addition, a Petition for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) is being filed concurrently with the present Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, please amend the application as follows: